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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Eric A. Schon  
Serial No. : 10/086,489 Examiner: J. Fredman  
Filed : February 28, 2002 Art Unit: 1637  
For : A METHOD TO DETECT MUTATIONS IN A NUCLEIC  
ACID USING A HYBRIDIZATION-LIGATION  
PROCEDURE

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March 27, 2006

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request an additional two-month extension of time for filing a response to the September 27, 2005 Final Office Action. A response to the Office Action was originally due December 27, 2005. Applicants filed an Amendment in Response to September 27, 2005 Final Office Action on January 27, 2006 along with a request for a one-month extension of time. The fee for an additional two-month extension of time is NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the additional two-month extension, a response to the September 27, 2005 Final Office Action is due March 27, 2006. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$900.00 fee for an additional two-month extension, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

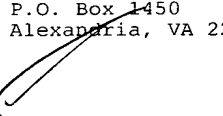
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